

REMARKS

This Supplemental Amendment is filed in order to facilitate processing in the above-identified patent application. In particular, objected to claim 5 has been incorporated into claim 1, objected to claim 7 has been incorporated into claim 2, the dependencies of claim 20 and 21 have been amended and withdrawn claims 17-19 have been canceled without prejudice. Therefore, Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance at an early date are respectfully requested.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested contact, by telephone, the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed within the currently set shortened statutory period, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such extension of time may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

In the event that any additional fees are due with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

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